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Wet conditions in western Iowa kept farmers out of the fields, while warm and dry conditions in the rest of the State marked the beginning of harvest activities for many during the week ending September 27, 2015, according the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide there were **4.8 days suitable for fieldwork**, though conditions varied from only 2.5 days suitable in Southwest Iowa to 6.7 days in Southeast Iowa. Fieldwork for the week included cutting hay, chopping silage, harvesting seed corn, corn for grain and soybeans. There was also some tillage of harvested fields. Scattered reports indicate that cover crops are off to a good start, with some emerging.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** levels rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Seventy-one percent of the **corn** crop was percent mature, 6 days ahead of last year, but 3 days behind the 5-year average. Five percent of the corn crop for grain has been harvested, a week ahead of last year, but 13 days behind average. Moisture content of all corn being harvested was at 24 percent. Corn condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Ninety-two percent of **soybeans** were turning color or beyond, while 72 3percent of soybeans were dropping leaves, 4 days ahead of 2014, and 2 days ahead of normal. Seven percent of the soybean crop has been harvested. Soybean condition rated 77 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 29 percent complete, 2 days behind last year and 8 days behind the average. **Pasture condition** rated 66 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions were reported as good.

Crop conditions as of September 27, 2015

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, all.....	1	3	16	55	25
Soybeans	1	4	18	55	22
Pasture & Range.....	1	7	26	52	14

Field Work and Crop Progress as of September 27, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature	69	69	72	64	81	75	64	68	82	71	49	55	76
Corn harvested for grain	3	5	4	3	8	5	3	5	13	5	2	2	14
Soybeans coloring	98	99	96	94	96	93	75	74	92	92	83	92	92
Soybeans dropping leaves.....	85	92	78	73	84	70	28	35	78	72	48	61	66
Soybeans harvested.....	10	6	9	3	9	9	1	2	12	7	1	3	13
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting.....	100	95	99	98	98	99	88	73	93	92	89	89	96

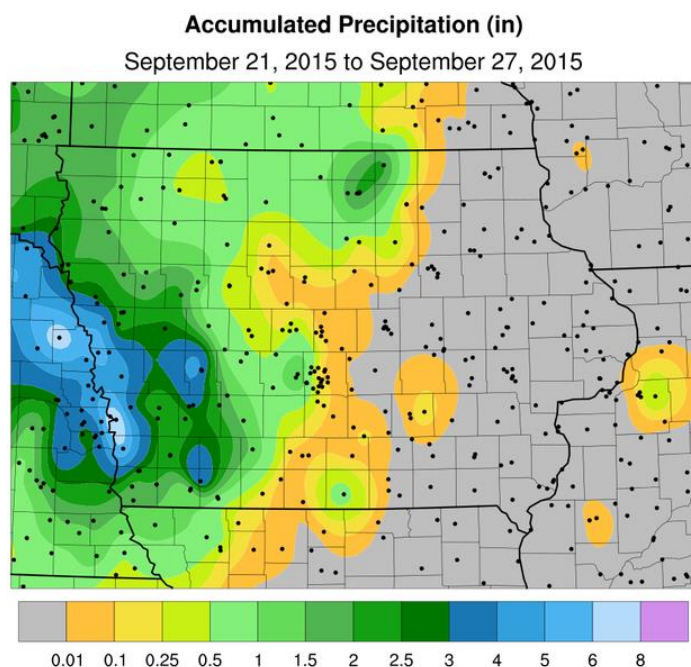
Days Suitable & Soil Moisture Condition as of September 27, 2015

Item	Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable	3.3	4.8	6.1	3.3	5.3	6.5	2.5	5.4	6.7	4.8	4.8	5.2
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Short	3	3	10	1	2	6	0	0	11	4	3	5
Adequate	92	94	88	80	78	89	67	82	80	84	86	82
Surplus	5	3	1	19	20	4	33	18	6	12	11	13
Subsoil moisture												
Very short	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	1
Short	4	4	19	1	2	6	2	0	12	5	6	8
Adequate	88	93	77	84	78	86	74	77	80	83	82	82
Surplus	8	3	2	15	20	7	24	23	5	11	12	9

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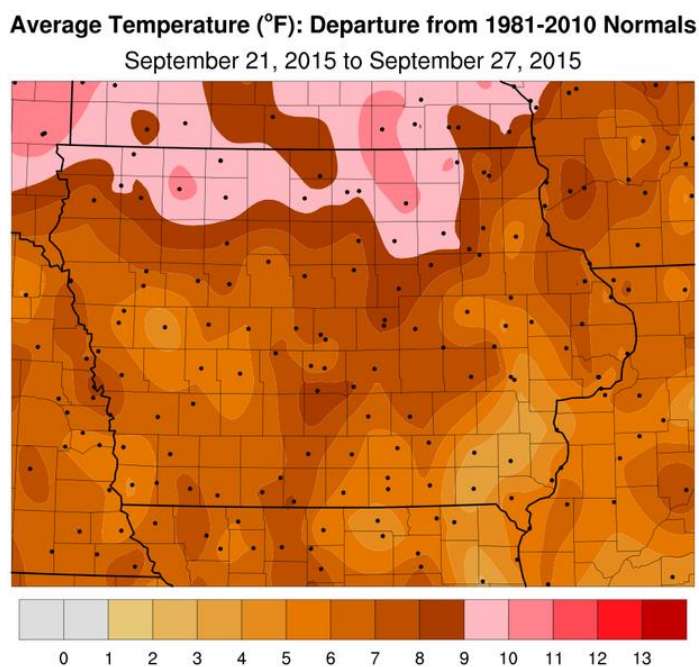
Provided by Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist
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Iowa experienced another unseasonably warm week with temperatures averaging 8.2 degrees above normal. Monday (21st) brought the lowest temperatures with highs in the seventies statewide while Elkader recorded a morning low of 41 degrees. Daily highs were in the seventies and eighties for the remainder of the week with highest readings of 86 degrees on Tuesday (22nd) at Atlantic, Lamoni, Oakland and Osceola. Rainfall was exceptionally variable. There was no rain statewide on Monday (21st), Saturday (26th) and Sunday (27th). A very slow moving low pressure center brought an extended period of showers and thunderstorms to western Iowa between Tuesday morning and early Friday morning. Torrential rain was centered upon western Pottawattamie and Mills counties on Wednesday morning with another area across southwest Monona County. No rain fell over the eastern one-half of Iowa during the week while Council Bluffs recorded as much as 9.28 inches of rain and Glenwood saw 6.80 inches. Rainfall of two inches or more was common across a wide area of west central and southwest Iowa. The statewide average precipitation was 0.79 inches or just slightly more than the weekly normal of 0.75 inches.



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